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Diane Latiker (left), founder of Kids Off The Block, and Mayor Emanuel bow their heads Monday during a vigil in Roseland.

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Chicago reacts to violent weekend

Chicago Tribune

The outbreak of violence over the Fourth of July weekend—the worst of the year so far—once again drew unflattering national attention to Chicago's crime woes as police Superintendent Garry McCarthy insisted the department had conditions under control until a particularly violent stretch Sunday.

McCarthy was referring to a 13-hour period from Sunday afternoon until early Monday when four people were killed and at least 26 were wounded, many of them critically. The most chaotic scene erupted in the South Chicago neighborhood when three people were shot during a running gun battle that drew heavily armed SWAT teams and a police helicopter to the scene.

Overall, 77 people were shot, 12 of them fatally, between Thursday afternoon and Monday morning, according to a Tribune analysis. In addition, Chicago police shot five people, two fatally.

Mayor Emanuel called the violence "senseless" and "totally unacceptable" but said police alone can't reduce the bloodshed.

At a press conference, a briefing regularly used to tout the Police Department's gun seizures, McCarthy returned to a favorite theme, calling for stiffer penalties for gun crimes as a way to reduce the violence.

The superintendent said the weekend's violence actually was lower than last year's holiday weekend—until Sunday's surge of violence. He described that turn of events as a head-scratcher for him and his staff and wondered aloud if officer fatigue played a part.

"It was yesterday that we lost it," McCarthy told a crowd of reporters at a West Side police station. "We're square-rooting nine ways from Sunday what is it that happened. Was it a fatigue factor? Did we give [too many] people [time] off? Because the fireworks were Friday and Saturday. That's where we had a lot of folks deployed during those time frames."

Internal police documents show that shooting incidents Sunday more than doubled those on the same day last year. Through Saturday, shootings had risen 3.9 percent so far this year, according to the documents. Sunday's violence knocked that year-to-date

number up to 5.3 percent in a single day.

Since last year, the Police Department has relied on overtime to try to counteract the violence, flooding the city's most dangerous streets with hundreds of extra cops, in the process racking up bills of more than \$100 million in 2013.

McCarthy said the department has been cutting down on those overtime expenses this year but didn't hold back on overtime spending over the holiday weekend, putting hundreds more officers "on the streets at the times we needed them, in the places where we needed them."

On Monday, McCarthy defended the rash of five police-involved shootings over 36 hours on Friday and Saturday. Two boys, 14 and 16, were fatally shot when they allegedly refused to drop guns. The superintendent pointed to the inherent dangers faced by police, noting that one officer each from Gary and Indianapolis were killed in the line of duty over the weekend.

"Try taking a gun out of somebody's hand. Have you ever done it?" McCarthy asked a re-

porter. "It's a little difficult to do."

As part of his message that it will take more than Chicago police to curtail the city's gun violence, the mayor went to Roseland on Monday to draw attention to Kids Off The Block, a neighborhood organization that works to provide low-income youths an alternative to violence and gangs.

"Now, a lot of people will say, where were the police? What were the police doing? That's a fair question, but not the only question," Emanuel said. "Where are the parents? Where is the community? Where are the gun laws? Where are the national leaders, so we don't have the guns of Cook County, Indiana and downstate Illinois flowing into the city?"

Among those playing basketball there before the mayor arrived was George Baron, 20, who lives in Roseland and said he had been a victim himself of gun violence.

"I have to watch my back every day because I don't want to get killed. Or shot again," he said. "... Everybody says they're trying to help us, but when we need the help, everyone is gone, and we're by ourselves again. I'm tired of it."

CTA: Bus ridership drop 'complicated'



GOING PUBLIC

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This year has been particularly bad for bus ridership but a good year for rail ridership. CTA data shows users took 91 million bus rides from January to April compared with 99.9 million bus rides in the same period in 2013.

The CTA blamed record-cold weather for the declines in January and February. The Chicago Public Schools spring break was later this year than last year, which affected the March ridership numbers, the CTA said. A detailed April ridership report has not been posted to the CTA website as of Monday afternoon.

CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said some bus riders also have switched to using trains, which have seen an upswing. Rail ridership is up about 4 percent through April compared with the same period in 2013, according to CTA data.

"We're not really sure of the factors behind" the bus decline, Chase said. "It's complicated."

Chase pointed out that bus ridership was up in 2011 and 2012, a record year for CTA ridership.

She said ridership is known to fluctuate

because of factors such as weather, population and development. The recent bus decline was not because of bus cuts the CTA implemented in December 2012 as part of its effort to decrowd buses and trains, Chase said. The agency cut about a dozen partial or full bus routes while adding service to 48 popular bus routes. Many rail lines also saw additional service.

In 2010, the CTA also cut bus service by 18 percent (including nine express bus routes) and rail service by 9 percent.

And while the CTA has improved rail service by removing slow zones on the southern portion of the Red Line last year and opening new stations on the Green and Yellow lines two years ago, it has been slower to improve bus routes. A plan to create express bus service in the Loop this year has been shelved, according to media reports.

In terms of the quality of bus service, the CTA struggled in the first quarter to meet its monthly target for gaps in bus service, bus bunching (when two buses on the same route arrive to a stop at the same time) and bus cleanliness. Chase said the CTA implemented a stricter bus cleaning schedule last year.

"We're committed to cleaning our buses for longer periods of time," Chase said.

On LSD

The Illinois and Chicago Departments of Transportation are hosting an open house about how to improve North Lake Shore Drive. The meeting will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton Place. Go to [nortnlakeshoredrive.org](#) for more information.

STATIONARY

A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note

This week: Granville Red Line

It's been about two years since the Granville station in Edgewater reopened after a six-week closure to make improvements to the stationhouse. The work was part of an \$86 million project to fix and beautify seven North Side Red Line stations.

In comparison with other Red Line stations on the North Side, Granville isn't as decrepit. It is accessible for riders with disabilities, unlike some northern Red Line stops. Though its neighbor to the north, Loyola, underwent an extensive renovation recently, and there is a proposal to upgrade stations from Lawrence to Bryn Mawr, there has been no announcement on any planned improvements to Granville.

Next up: Loyola Red Line



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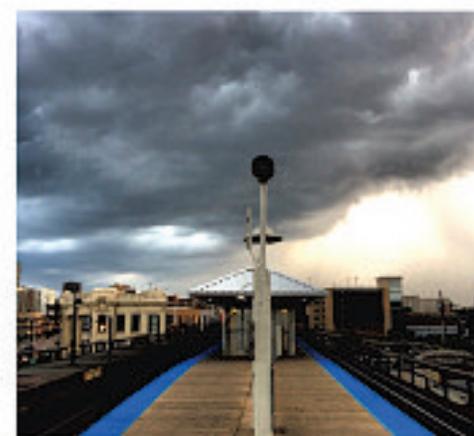
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"The storm is brewing...hurry up, train."
—@redeyestwblog, from the Red Line Wilson station

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WAIT, ARE THOSE YOUR REAL BOOBS?

Chicago couple's TaTa Top takes off

By Megan Crepeau | REDEYE

Michelle Lytle turned some heads at Hollywood Beach on Memorial Day this year.

"You would see people from far away do double takes and start walking towards her," said Lytle's fiancee, Robyn Graves, 30.

"People were taking photos and stuff like that," Lytle said. "Everyone lit up when they saw it."

Lytle, 28, was wearing the first prototype

of her brainchild, the TaTa Top: a string bikini top the color of her skin with pink nipples printed on it.

"I was like, this would be so funny," said Lytle, who lives with Graves in Andersonville. "What if there was a bikini top and it was flesh-colored and it had nipples on it, so it looked like you were topless but you weren't actually topless? ... So is this legal? It's still legal. So what exactly are we trying to protect people from to begin with?"

As of Thursday, Lytle and Graves have sold all 700 of their original run of TaTa Tops at \$28

apiece—and sparked a lot of conversation. Some of the response has been positive, including support from breastfeeding advocates and women who have had mastectomies.

"We've had mothers and daughters buying them together, entire teams because they're going to do a breast cancer walk," Graves said.

The product also has drawn the attention of activists who see the right to bare breasts as an issue of equality.

"The nipple is just a Trojan horse," said filmmaker and activist Lina Esco, who hopes to release her film, "Free the Nipple," this

year. "The core message is equality. That's it. If a man is able to go topless, a woman should be able to go topless."

It is illegal in Chicago to expose "any portion of the breast at or below the upper edge of the areola thereof of any female person," according to city code. Violation can lead to a fine of up to \$500. Only two women have been arrested for indecent exposure in Chicago from 2012 through June of this year, according to police spokesman Martin Maloney.

Esco said the TaTa Top could get people used to the idea of female nudity without re-

What do people think of the TaTa Top?

We showed a photo of the TaTa Top to people at North Avenue Beach this week. Here's how they reacted. **M.C.**

"That would be so hard to explain to a little kid!"

—Diana Frausto, 28, Blue Island

"[It's] a little outrageous. Not outrageous, but the exhibitionism is unnecessary."

—Kristen Castelloni, 40, Lakeview



"Wildly inappropriate! I have a 7-year-old son. I wouldn't want him to see it on the beach. [But] it's funny."

—Jason Deibert, 33, Lyons

"A woman's areolas are looked at very differently in public.

In our culture [covering up] is the norm, but a breast is a breast. ... I don't think it would be seen as desensitizing, I think it would be seen as sexual."

—Lluvia Hernandez, 28, Blue Island

Lenny Gilmore/REDEYE

quiring them to commit to full toplessness.

"The women that can't support by making a statement or showing a nipple or whatever, they're still able to wear the top and support equality," she said.

The TaTa Top also has drawn vocal opposition. One comment, from an Internet user calling him- or herself "Men Everywhere," simply read, "[Bleeping] sluts." Lytle and Graves posted to Facebook a screengrab of one submission to their website that read, in part, "No wonder so many women are raped. Not all rapes are provoked but if you're walking around wearing this disgusting bikini top or something that is only appropriate for the bedroom, you're asking for it."

"You can't convince everyone," Lytle said. "But the fact that there's a discussion and debate going on, that is exciting and that is awesome, whether you never buy a TaTa Top or not. People are thinking about it, people are aware of the issue."

Social media has been a double-edged sword for the TaTa Top. Word can spread quickly, but some social networks have flagged photos for showing nudity. The TaTa Top Facebook

page has been put in "time out" three times, according to Lytle, though Instagram has been somewhat more understanding.

"It is a cartoon representation of a nipple," she said. "When you are flagging this and taking this down, you are flagging the cartoon of a nipple. ... We're going to start saying, 'Oh, it's not a woman's nipple, it's a man's nipple.'"

And posting hate mail, like the comment regarding rape, has actually mobilized support for the TaTa Top.

"It stirs people up even more," Lytle said.

Lytle and Graves have pledged to give \$5 to the Lynn Sage Foundation, a local breast cancer charity, for every TaTa Top sold. Later on, they may give buyers the option of donating to "Free the Nipple."

Up next will be two darker shades of the TaTa Top, along with an expanded range of sizes. After that, the TaTa Top team hope to expand to one-pieces, tops with pierced nipples, tankinis, bottoms with printed pubic hair—and maybe even a men's swimsuit to benefit testicular cancer charities.

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Isreal Medina sets up a tent Monday near the Petrillo Music Shell for Taste of Chicago, which runs Wednesday through Sunday at Grant Park.

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Task force: Raise minimum wage

Increase to \$13 would be phased in by 2018

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel's task force recommended Monday that Chicago's minimum wage be ramped up to \$13 an hour by 2018, an idea that comes as City Hall faces pressure to act on the issue while Democrats nationally try to make income disparity a campaign theme this fall.

But the panel also suggested that the Chicago City Council should put off a vote to raise the current \$8.25 an hour minimum wage until after state lawmakers tackle the matter in the two months following the Nov. 4 election. The task force members don't want to deter the General Assembly from approving a state-wide wage hike because Chicago already has increased its minimum wage, said Ald. Will

Burns (4th), the panel's co-chairman.

Emanuel appointed the group in late May, after 21 aldermen joined together to push for raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour within four years. All 50 aldermen face re-election in late February 2015 and a vote shortly before then to increase the city's minimum wage would force them to choose between labor and business interests.

After several public hearings, the Minimum Wage Working Group met behind closed doors and voted 13-3 to approve the plan.

Emanuel aides said the increase to \$13 would affect 410,000 people working in the city and could pump hundreds of millions of extra dollars into the city's economy. They also conceded it could lead to an increase of up to 2 percent in the cost of food, goods, services and health care.

The task force recommended the current minimum wage of \$8.25 be increased in each of the next three years by \$1.25, with a \$1 increase in 2018. After that, annual increases would be pegged to the rate of inflation.

Tipped employees, like waiters, would see their wages increased by \$1 to \$5.95 over the next two years. Annual increases after that would be at the rate of inflation. But their total pay, including wages and tips, would have to at least equal the amount paid to non-tipped employees in the city.

Illinois voters this fall are being asked in an advisory referendum whether the state should raise its wage rate to \$10 an hour. Emanuel aides contend that the cost of living in the Chicago area is much greater than the rest of the state, so a higher minimum wage rate in the city is appropriate.

Hundreds of parking app users wrongly ticketed

Chicago Tribune

More than 300 cars parked legally around Chicago have gotten tickets after drivers used smartphones to pay with new mobile technology introduced by the company that leased the city's meters.

Since the ParkChicago smartphone app was launched in mid-April, 317 cars have been ticketed that still had time on their meters, according to Scott Burnham, spokesman for Chicago Parking Meters LLC.

Burnham attributed the erroneous tickets to a "learning curve" as ticket enforcement agents become accustomed to using the new technology. He said the company is working to get employees up to speed, and added that drivers who are wrongly ticketed can get the citations voided over the phone.

City Hall spokeswoman Elizabeth Langsdorf said the problems stem at least in part from "connectivity issues" with the devices workers are supposed to use to check a parking database before they ticket cars they find without pay box stickers on their dashboards.

"This is something we're working with Verizon on—seeing if a change at the network level will help and potentially changing the enforcement device itself to see if a different one could be more efficient," Langsdorf said in an email. "This is a transition issue and once resolved, should help to reduce errors even more."

According to Burnham, 81,868 parking tickets for expired meters have been issued citywide since the mobile technology became available, meaning the "error rate" is below 1 percent of all tickets. The vast majority of tickets have been issued to people who used pay boxes rather than paying by phone, Burnham said.

About 8,000 meter payments are made each day using the pay-by-cell system, Langsdorf said. Roughly 50,000 people have registered to use the ParkChicago app, Burnham said.



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Petition seeks to put pot on D.C. ballot

WASHINGTON Supporters of legal marijuana in Washington on Monday delivered more than double the signatures needed to put the issue on a ballot, an initiative that could face congressional opposition.

Adam Eidinger, chairman of the DC Cannabis Campaign, said the group had collected about 57,000 signatures to put the measure on a Nov. 4 ballot in the U.S. capital, well over the 22,373 required by law.

"This would not open up stores. This would not lead to D.C. becoming a tourist haven," he told reporters at the District of Columbia Board of Elections.

"This is just for the citizens who live here, the residents who pay taxes, to have the right to use marijuana freely in their homes without fear of arrest, harassment or a ticket."

The measure would allow people 21 and older to possess up to 2 ounces of marijuana for personal use. They also could grow up to six plants

at home, three of them mature and flowering.

It allows for transfer of marijuana without payment from one person to another, but not sales.

The petition could face opposition from Congress, which under the U.S. Constitution has oversight of the District of Columbia.

A District law that would decriminalize possession of up to an ounce of cannabis was blocked last month by the Appropriations Committee in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

The committee approved a spending bill that included an amendment barring the city from spending money to legalize or reduce penalties for marijuana, which could include barring the elections board from printing ballots that include the legalization measure.

Eidinger said members of Congress needed to realize that legalization is a civil rights issue and not a health issue.



Riders pass The Houses of Parliament in London near the finish of the third stage of the 101st edition of the Tour de France on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

Most minors at border won't stay in U.S.: White House

The White House said Monday that most unaccompanied minors flooding into the U.S. from Central America will not be allowed to stay as the Obama administration prepares to ask Congress for \$2 billion to address the border crisis.

CIA involved in spying operation against Germany

The CIA was involved in a spying operation against Germany that led to the alleged recruitment of a German intelligence official and has prompted renewed outrage in Berlin, two U.S. officials familiar with the matter said Monday.

Hookah use on rise among U.S. teens

Hookah use is increasing dramatically among U.S. teens, according to a new study in "Pediatrics," published online Monday and in the August issue. The study found the annual prevalence of hookah use was 18 percent, based on a national survey of 5,540 high school seniors.

A full-page advertisement for McGrath City Hyundai. The top left features a cartoon character in a blue shirt with the McGrath logo. The top right has a yellow banner with the text "Thanks to all who helped make our Pride Parade sponsorship a success!". The center features a large, stylized sun with sunglasses and the headline "Take the Summer Off from Car Payments!". To the left, there's a list of three offers: "TRADE-IN YOUR CAR!", "LOWER YOUR PAYMENTS!", and "MAKE NO PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS!". Below these are three car models: New '14 Elantra, New '14 Sonata, and New '14 Tucson, each with its own price and payment details. To the right, there are five more car models listed: New '14 Accent, New '14 Veloster, New '14 Genesis Coupe, New '14 Santa Fe Sport, and New '14 Azera, each with their respective prices and payment offers. At the bottom, there's a summary of the best warranty and roadside assistance, along with the dealer's contact information: phone number 888-499-8352, address 6750 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, and website www.mcgrathcityhyundai.com. There's also a "SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT SERVICE APPOINTMENT TODAY!" button.



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2014 FIFA World Cup

YOU CAN'T QUIT NOW

NOW WOULD BE THE WORST TIME TO GIVE UP ON THE WORLD CUP

By Andy Frye | FOR REDEYE

With the U.S. out of the FIFA World Cup, you may be wondering, "What's in it for us?" in this week's semifinals. There's plenty, I can assure you.

A new patriotism

If you knew the U.S. had a shot to win gold in curling in the next Winter Olympics, you'd stop ridiculing it as shuffleboard on laughing gas. Not only would you cheer on your fellow Americans, you'd even buy your favorite athlete's jersey.

Soccer die-hards and tagalong patriots alike skipped work last Tuesday to see America play Belgium. Even when Belgium went up 2-0, it took only one touch from 19-year-old Julian Green to get you cheering "gooooooal!" Goalkeeper Tim Howard was even nominated for secretary of defense (on Wikipedia) and as the new namesake for a Washington, D.C., airport.

Better yet, last week's USA match was ESPN's most-watched World Cup game of all time. This just shows that when it comes to soccer, we got game.



Final four fever

There aren't any surprises in the four semifinalists. Argentina, Brazil and Germany all have won multiple World Cups, and the Netherlands has been a finalist three times. But if you have an ounce of enthusiasm for the U.S.' soccer future, the semis offer an opportunity to witness the elegance of soccer's elite.

Plus, the final four of the World Cup isn't any different than March Madness. It's like watching Duke, Syracuse, Michael Jordan's North Carolina and Indiana with Bobby Knight yelling at the sideline. But the whole world is watching, and it's warm outside. Get to your nearest beer garden!

A new pastime

Soccer probably won't kick the football out of "Monday Night Football" anytime soon, but soccer in America is nothing new. Part of physical education nationwide since the 1960s, The Beautiful Game is part of us. One difference now is the U.S. dominates its region. Thing is, we've mastered the world's most popular sport. It's really time to treat this game as our own.



We're with the big boys now

What do Spain, England and Italy have in common? All have won the World Cup. Oh, here's something else: All three got knocked out in June, while the U.S. made the Round of 16. Don't forget, Group G supposedly pitted the U.S. in the "Group of Death."

Yet we beat Ghana (which Germany couldn't do) and tamed Cristiano Ronaldo, arguably the best player in the world.

Each game brought out players' best. Clint Dempsey scored in the first minute against Ghana and left with a broken nose but played on. Green and Jermaine Jones showed world-class pace. And Howard emulated Superman with 16 saves v Belgium.

Like it or not, the World Cup showed that the good ol' U.S. of A. can do soccer like anyone. We won't ask you to give up the NFL or take up Manchester United over the Blackhawks. But admit it—you couldn't stop watching if you tried.

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WORLD CUP SEMIFINALS

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Wednesday: Argentina vs. Netherlands, 3 p.m. ESPN

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Ken Davis of Regal Radio joins the panel. And we already know more about hair dye than we ever did.



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1 Why are the L.A. Lakers interested in Carlos Boozer?	He can score, cap relief for 2015. Plus Jim Buss has a thing for Bigen dye jobs.	He would make Kobe look slimmer.	Apparently because they've only watched his highlight package.	Maybe he looks better in purple than red.	Somebody in management set the time machine to 2004.
2 What did Chris Sale do when he found out he was not selected as an All-Star?	Pray he's voted in with the Final Vote (vote, Sox fans), while casting side eye at Nelson "PED" Cruz.	A juice cleanse.	Returned all the things he bought with his expected All-Star bonus.	Threw his bucket of Bubble Bubble across the dugout.	Asked those three people who go to Sox games if they voted.
3 Pitcher Jake Arrieta has been so good for the Cubs pitching coach Chris Bosio is getting his Don Cooper on with the work he has done with Arrieta.	... I'm thinking about not calling him Josh anymore.	... it's hard to believe he's a Cub.	... he's now one-third of the starting rotation.	... Theo is trying desperately to trade him.
4 Whom are you rooting for in the World Cup semifinals?	Brazil. After seeing Neymar take a "Tiger" knee to his spine, how could I root against them?	USA. We're not quitters.	Brazil (legs and booties).	Let's be honest, I had to Google which teams are even in the semifinals. I'm over the World Cup.	That team with all the weird haircuts.
5 At this moment, how badly do you want the Bears to start playing again?	Not that bad. World Cup, Wimbledon men's final, NBA free agency, bad baseball will set in, then BOOM NFL!	So bad. Hockey season starts the same time.	Unless they're gonna win 11-plus, I can wait.	Football season means summer is over. I want to keep summer weather a little bit longer.	I just had a dream about Cade McNown. #scary

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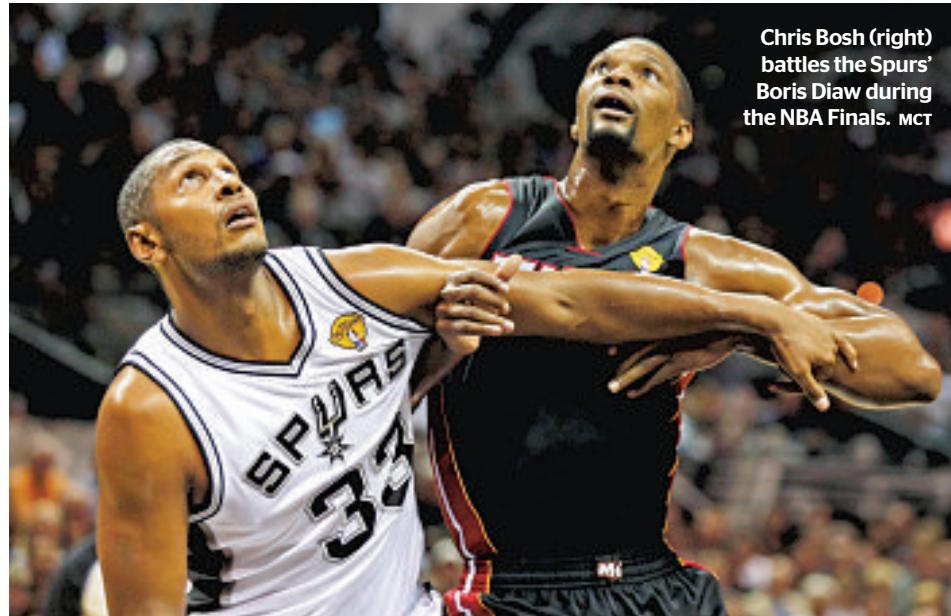


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Tracking the Bulls' pursuit of Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James

"Narcissistic," "cowardly," "heartless," "callous." Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert used all those words to describe LeBron James in a 2010 letter that until recently was on the team's website. Well, he's taken it down, most likely in hopes of persuading James to return to the Cavs. Bulls fans would ask LeBron to read those words again, then ask himself if he's cool with that.



Chris Bosh (right)
battles the Spurs'
Boris Diaw during
the NBA Finals. MCT

Then there's this ...

According to USA Today, the Houston Rockets have offered Chris Bosh a four-year, maximum-salary contract. Which could mean the Big Three is breaking up even without LeBron's help. Or it could just mean the Rockets are feeling outrageously lucky.

Anyone got a spare arena?

The University of Illinois men's basketball team will play five home games away from the State Farm Center during the 2015-16 season as the renovated building won't be able to open its doors until Dec. 1, 2015, a school spokesman confirmed Monday. The women's team also will be temporarily moved out of the State Farm Center.

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Bears individual-game tickets go on sale through Ticketmaster at 11 a.m. Thursday. Chicago residents will forgive the shaky summer weather if the Bears get to the Super Bowl.

Players closer to concussion payouts

A federal judge Monday approved a \$765 million preliminary settlement offer between the NFL and lawyers for the more than 4,500 former players seeking damages for concussion-related injuries. The NFL must pay all valid claims for the next 65 years, the judge wrote in a court memorandum ruling.

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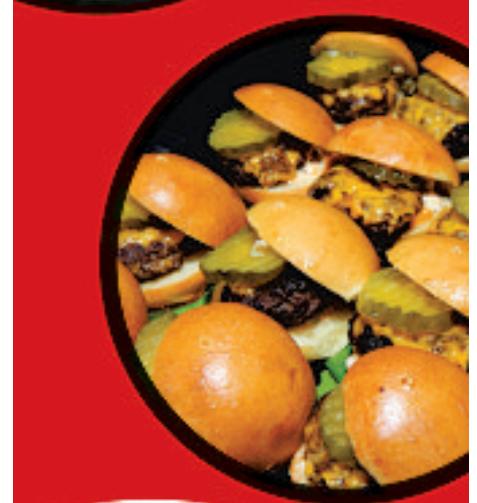
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Peter Gamen with one of his kegerators at Pete's Barber Shop
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THE PROOF IS IN THE PAINT

ARTS | PORTRAIT OF CHICAGOANS WITH UNIQUE JOBS IN THE ARTS

By Morgan Olsen | FOR REDEYE

What do a car and a refrigerator have in common? It depends on whom you ask.

Pete Gamen, 38, would say a lot. His business, Kandy Van, specializes in custom paint jobs for both. The Logan Square resident has applied auto paint—and sometimes candy paint—to fridges, kitchen cabinets, cars and motorcycles alike. Typically reserved for cars, candy paint is a transparent coating that can be meticulously layered to create vibrant, super-shiny colors: cherry red, lime green and watermelon pink.

"They're basically the same as cars. You use the same primers and paints," Gamen said of his small collection of vintage refrigerators, some of which he's already painted and converted into kegerators. "They're pieces of canvas where I can build my own style."

Painting and repurposing vintage fridges is more of a hobby for Gamen, whose end goal is to return to painting cars and motorcycles for a living. For now, he's articulating his own personal style—think flashy West Coast low riders and hot rods—on fridges in order to build a loyal following in Chicago. All the while, Gamen balances a day job at commercial printing business Bro's Lithographing Co. in the West Loop.

When Gamen first started painting automobiles professionally five years ago, he developed a solid client base, and the word spread about his quality work. But his creative outlet quickly hit a ceiling.

"Guys would come to me and say, 'Um, I want black,' " Gamen said. "I would have to do that. The ongoing joke now is that I hate painting black. Every biker, their creativity ends at black and flames, or red and white."

Like tattoo artists, professional auto painters often are sought out for their unique styles. But it's hard to build a following when you don't have a pool of people who are willing to volunteer their cars for a customized candy paint job.

"One of the things you want to do in the custom paint world is create a style that people just want," Gamen explained. "With cars and bikes, guys own them. They come to you

EDITOR'S NOTE

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with a vision and a plan. They see it with a flame job or black. It's hard to say 'I want to do purple metal flake!'"

That's where the fridges come into play. In Gamen's mind, they're big, blank canvases with endless possibilities. He can paint them however he'd like and find homes for them in local businesses. Two of his favorite fridges—Frankenstein and Purple Rain—are on display at Pete's Barber Shop in Avondale and Rosie's West Town Deli in Ukrainian Village, respectively.

It all started when Gamen and his girlfriend, Kate Sanderson, renovated their kitchen. They found a 1954 GE single-door fridge on Craigslist that they knew would fit the space perfectly. Gamen refurbished it with a sleek, aqua blue custom-mix automotive paint.

Gamen knew he could do more detailed work with the metal canvases.

To really get a feel for his one-of-a-kind style, look no further than Frankenstein, the beer-dispensing fridge he created for Pete's Barber Shop. With the go-ahead to do anything he wanted from his friend, owner Pete Huels, Gamen knew it was his chance to show off his unique skill set.

"I wanted to hit the ground so hard with this one that I would paint it, sand the paint off and paint it again. I did that like five times just to achieve the color I wanted," Gamen said of Frankenstein. "I wanted this to be my business card."

After nearly two months of work—"he would go out there to paint it in the middle of the night," Sanderson laughed—Frankenstein was transformed.

The original 1952 GE fridge is unrecognizable today, save for its unique shape and vintage feel. Its new dispensing racks hold 210 12-ounce cans. The exterior is covered in layers of glossy, rich paint. The perfect symmetry, intricate lines and intense sparkle reveal Gamen's perfectionist tendencies—a personality trait he swears is necessary for the job.

Huels said he almost cried when he first saw the finished product, which he requested remain a surprise until its unveiling.

"It's gorgeous. Everything about it is beautiful," Huels said of Frankenstein. "It's not just a refrigerator; it's a piece of art. There are two focal points of my shop—the barber chairs and the refrigerator. They make the shop what it is."

Gamen's work goes deeper than paint jobs—he's also a metal worker. "I can cut it and put a window in the front of it so you can see through it," he said. "There's so many things I can do to these things that you won't even recognize them as fridges."

Gamen said he looks to West Coast painters for inspiration, which is made easier through Instagram, Facebook and YouTube



tutorials. Gambino Kustoms, a paint shop in San Jose, Calif., is one of his go-to inspiration mines. Closer to home, Gamen looks to his 14-year-old daughter for artistic guidance. The two have a collection of art projects, mostly on canvas, that boast glossy auto paint.

"Her room is full of paint projects," he said of his daughter, Mafia. "She definitely brought it back to me. I drew all the time in high school and airbrushed, but then I quit and

worked and worked. She brought me back into doing artistic things."

Although refrigerators are Gamen's creative comfort zone for now, he's discovering new things all the time.

"I'm getting my feet wet, creating my style and learning the different things that can happen," he said. "I'd rather mess up on a fridge than on someone's Impala."

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Is it OK to wake my partner for sex?



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further?
—Gone To Bed

Dear Gone To Bed,
Just when I thought the questions this week were all snoozers, you send in a literal question about snoozing. Here's what I think, GTB. You've probably got an hour window (more or

less) in which it wouldn't be considered gauche or rude to try to gently sex your partner up, depending on what she has going on the next day, of course, and whether she's out cold or simply sleeping lightly. Obviously if she is in a deep sleep, don't expect her to be all, "Oh hai, charming boyfriend, so happy to feel your penis prodding me out of my REM state."

However, if she's moving around a lot, responsive to questions, etc., she probably wouldn't be horribly offended if you, like, started kissing her neck and seeing if it went anywhere. If she seems irritated or remains unresponsive after a few minutes, it ain't gonna happen and you should just masturbate quietly in the bathroom like the rest of us. You'll find plenty of randy and tanned video folks available on the Internet to help you rub one out no matter how late it gets.

The most important part of this somnolent scenario probably lies in your foreplay

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delivery. No one wants to wake up with an ear full of saliva—except Bob Saget, and even he is tiring of it. To that end, keep your "moves" soft, gentle and noninvasive. Since you're her boyfriend, you probably know the kinds of touch that will help get her in the mood, and you can use them to your advantage. Just don't, like, "accidentally" dump a bucket of Pringles on her head or blare the Food Network's "Barefoot Contessa" in hopes that she'll wake up and want to blow you. Everyone knows that only works when it's Guy Fieri.

If it's the middle of the night and you both wake up at the same time, you might have

better luck instigating a soporific screw, which is, in my experience, the funnest way to remedy a night terror!

Also, I'd be remiss if I didn't tell you to simply ask her how she would feel about being woken up for sex, if you haven't done so already. If she hates the idea, then you can table the pre-dawn petting scenarios and come up with a better sex schedule that involves you both being totally conscious. I know, zzzzzzzzzzzz.

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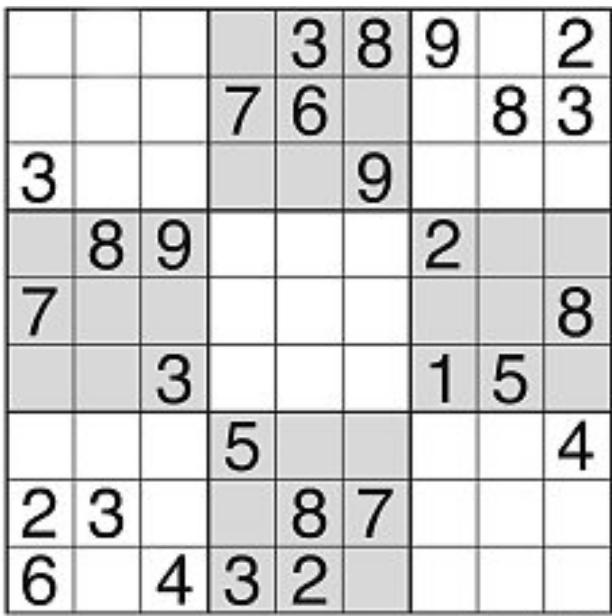
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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1776: Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia.

1889: The Wall Street Journal published its first editions.

2000: Venus Williams beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (3) for her first Grand Slam title, becoming the first black women's champion at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58.

ACROSS

1 Change slightly
6 Pretense; farce
10 Gabor and Longoria
14 ___ up; bungle
15 Healthy
16 Created
17 Chop finely
18 Fail to include
19 Farm machine
20 Tennis shoes
22 Cling; stick
24 Heap
25 Swollen
26 Insult
29 Removes from power
30 Beer's cousin
31 Shift ___; make a change
33 Colander
37 "Get ___"; advice to the impractical
39 Passenger
41 Uttered
42 Alaska's Palin
44 Adjust an alarm
46 Hang limply
47 ___ off; narrow gradually
49 In a tidy fashion
51 Irrigated
54 Appeal
55 Chairperson's outline
56 Like a serrated blade
60 Candy ___; Christmas treat
61 Cancer the ___; Zodiac sign
63 Bert's buddy
64 Smooch
65 Enormous
66 Indy 500 car
67 Singles
68 2014, for one
69 Toboggans

DOWN

1 Poor box donation
2 Cut of pork
3 Melody
4 Get away
5 Stinking
6 Coastline
7 Show-offs
8 Actress ___ MacGraw
9 Tin and copper
10 Special importance given
11 Manservant
12 Worship
13 Made clothes

21 Parent or grandparent
23 Polka ___; fabric pattern
25 Transports for schoolchildren
26 Rowers' needs
27 Jumping insect
28 Trepidation
29 Tell the waiter what you'd like
32 Made public

34 "1955 film" ___ of Eden"
35 Small bottle
36 Uptight
38 Tardiness
40 Rejuvenate
43 Difficult
45 Wobbles
48 ___ "keen!"; "Cool!" in a past decade
50 Lacking a sense of right

and wrong
51 Eccentric person, slang
52 Once more
53 Past, present or future
54 Fencing sword
56 Long story
57 A single time
58 ___ up; bound
59 His and ___
62 Regret



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ALL THE SINGLE DUDES



Could we snag one of Hollywood's hottest bachelors?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

We got so distracted by the appetizer platter that is Joe Manganiello's abs when he was named People magazine's hottest Hollywood bachelor last week that we COMPLETELY overlooked the rest of the list. Apologies, males. But because they weren't quite eligible enough to top People's list, maybe there's a slight chance we could get with one of these dudes. We took a look at some other guys who ranked to see if they're attainable or unattainable by a commoner.

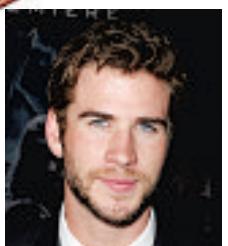
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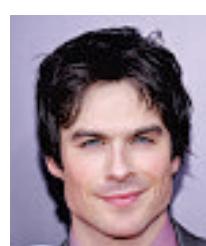
Attainable: Notoriously slutty
Unattainable: Is a prince.

Verdict: Unattainable. Still a prince.



Liam Hemsworth

Attainable: Every time Miley Cyrus gets a new tattoo, he has another reason to date someone less manic.
Unattainable: See: Every time Gale scowls in "The Hunger Games" movies.
Verdict: Unattainable. LOL.



Ian Somerhalder

Attainable: Not the most famous vampire in Hollywood
Unattainable: BRB, swimming in his eyes
Verdict: Unattainable. The guy used to date Nina Dobrev, who is RIDIC gorgeous.



The Winklevii

Attainable: There are two of them, thus doubling your odds. Plus, they might be into some stuff.
Unattainable: Very, very rich, meaning high level of security.
Verdict: Attainable. They're probably lonely—and still bitter about Zuckerberg.



Steven R. McQueen

Attainable: Wait, who is this?
Unattainable: He's 25, thus making us feel like cougars. Yes, we have gotten old.
Verdict: Attainable—

barely. He's probably only looking to hook up with starlets who can further his career, but the youths are easily swayed.



Usher

Attainable: Wants a lady in the street and a freak in the bed. Our resume happens to cover both items.
Unattainable: May be too busy babysitting Bieber.
Verdict: Attainable. Clearly doing a terrible job in the Bieber department, though.



Ricky Martin

Attainable: He really seems very friendly and down for a laugh.
Unattainable: Has two children, so he's probably going to be very picky about his next boyfriend.
Verdict: Attainable—but don't you dare break his heart.



Sam Smith

Attainable: He seems a little melancholy—perhaps a summer relationship would fix this?
Unattainable: Still a bit of an enigma wrapped in a mystery.
Verdict: Unattainable. Dude is the new male Adele, and you know her business is untouchable.



Jared Leto

Attainable: Since he's both an actor and musician, he probably can carry on a good conversation.
Unattainable: Artistic and weird in a way that leads us to believe we wouldn't be his No. 1 priority.
Verdict: Attainable-ish. Sure, you could date him, but he would never truly be *yours.*



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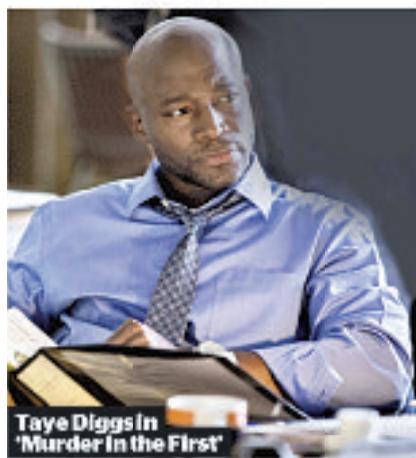
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Taye Diggs in
'Murder in the First'

A 'Good' development

Though we can't guarantee that Taye Diggs will show off his skivvies (like his "New Girl" character did last season), we're pretty psyched that he'll be guest-starring on "The Good Wife." Eonline.com confirmed that the "Murder in the First" star will have a multi-episode arc in the upcoming sixth season as "meticulous" and "talented" equity partner Dean Levine-Williams. Oh, we'll be there.



THE QUOTE

I don't know what they did to make them that big, but they were cockroaches on steroids."

— "Orange Is the New Black" star Taylor Schilling (right), to Vulture, on whether the roaches at the beginning of Season 2 were real. BLAAAAARGH.

THE DIGIT 20

That's how many new songs Kanye West played at a London Wireless Festival afterparty Sunday night, vulture.com reports. Tweeters on the scene called the tracks "dark," "hellish" and "groundshaking," which also describes Kim Kardashian's mood in the morning OH NO SHE DIDN'T.



Kanye West
GETTY IMAGES

THE QUOTE

I don't feel like what I've done so far is a full realization of who I am. There's a lot to figure out in the beginning, and your personality starts coming out the more you do it."

—"Saturday Night Live" writer and star Colin Jost, to the New York Post, on his plans for his time behind the Weekend Update desk next season. Jost didn't exactly get sparkling reviews last season, when he stepped in for Seth Meyers, so we've got high hopes for the little guy.

Rolling in the 'Spoils'

While IFC's weirdies "The Spoils of Babylon" may not have generated a huge following, it definitely was enough of a cult hit to spawn a strange, strange baby. "The Spoils Before Dying," another six-episode series, will premiere on the network in summer 2015, the.com reports. This installment will be based on fictional author Jonrosh's (Will Ferrell) first novel, a 1950s jazz-scene detective story. Guest stars have yet to be announced, but just go ahead and assume the strangest.



Flavor Flav
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THE DIGIT 100

Police confiscated more than 100 pounds of fireworks from rapper Flavor Flav's Las Vegas home over the Fourth of July weekend, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reports. Flav, who was hit with two fireworks-related citations, said he had about 110 people over for the party, fewer than in previous years. "Flav really loves America," said his attorney, Kristina Willebold, in what surely will become the quote of the year. "There was no intention ever to hurt anyone."

And the most hated man in America is ...

Ben Affleck! OK, OK, the vitriol is being directed at his "Gone Girl" character, Nick Dunne. A new, full-length trailer for the film, adapted by Chicagoan Gillian Flynn from her novel, dropped Monday, revealing much more about the characters and plot. More Neil Patrick Harris! More Tyler Perry! More creepy marionettes! Even though we loved the book, we can't wait for the movie to come out Oct. 3.

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